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6 **IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
7 **FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA**
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9 Church of the Eagle and the Condor, et al.,

10 Plaintiffs,

11 v.

12 Merrick Garland, et al.

13 Defendants.
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No. CV 22-01004-PHX-SRB

**ORDER SETTING RULE 16 CASE
MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE**

15 Pursuant to Rule 16 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, a Case Management
16 Conference is set for **April 20, 2023 at 11:30 a.m.** in Courtroom 502, Sandra Day
17 O'Connor U.S. Courthouse, 401 W. Washington St., Phoenix, Arizona 85003. In
18 preparation for this Case Management Conference, it is hereby ordered as follows:

19 A. Rule 26(f) Meeting and Case Management Report.

20 The parties are directed to meet and confer at least 10 days before the Case
21 Management Conference as required by Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(f). At this
22 meeting the parties shall develop a joint Case Management Report which contains the
23 information called for in section B below.

24 B. Joint Case Management Report.

25 The parties' Joint Case Management Report shall contain the following
26 information in separately numbered paragraphs.

27 1. The parties who attended the Rule 26(f) meeting and assisted in developing
28 the Case Management Report;

2. A list of the parties in the case, including any parent corporations or entities (for recusal purposes);

3. A short statement of the nature of the case (3 pages or less);

4. The jurisdictional basis for the case, describing the basis for jurisdiction (see the accompanying footnote) and citing specific jurisdictional statutes;¹

5. Any parties which have not been served and an explanation of why they have not been served, and any parties which have been served but have not answered or otherwise appeared;

6. A statement of whether any party expects to add additional parties to the case or otherwise to amend pleadings (the Court will set a deadline at the Case Management Conference for joining parties and amending pleadings);

7. A listing of contemplated motions and a statement of the issues to be decided by these motions (including motions under Federal Rule of Evidence 702);

8. Whether the case is suitable for reference to a United States Magistrate Judge for a settlement conference or trial;

9. The status of related cases pending before other courts or other judges of this Court;

10. A discussion of any issues relating to preservation, disclosure, or discovery of electronically stored information, including the parties' preservation of electronically stored information and the form or forms in which it will be produced (*see*

¹ If jurisdiction is based on diversity of citizenship, the report shall include a statement of the citizenship of every party and a description of the amount in dispute. *See* 28 U.S.C. §1332. The parties are reminded that (1) a corporation is a citizen of the state where it is incorporated and the state of its principal place of business, and (2) partnerships and limited liability companies are citizens of every state in which one of their partners or members resides. *See* 28 U.S.C. §1332(c); *Indus. Tectonics v. Aero Alloy*, 912 F.2d 1090, 1092 (9th Cir. 1990); *Belleville Catering Co. v. Champaign Market Place, L.L.C.*, 350 F.3d 691, 692 (7th Cir. 2003). The parties are further reminded that the use of fictitious parties ("John Doe" or "ABC Corporation") "casts no magical spell on a complaint otherwise lacking in diversity jurisdiction." *Fifty Assocs. v. Prudential Ins. Co. of Am.*, 446 F.2d 1187, 1191 (9th Cir. 1970) (citations omitted).

Rules 16(b)(3), 26(f)(3));

11. A discussion of any issues relating to claims of privilege or work product (*see* Rules 16(b)(3), 26(f)(3));

12. A discussion of whether an order under Federal Rule of Evidence 502(d) is warranted in this case;

13. A discussion of necessary discovery. This discussion should take into account the December 1, 2015 amendments to Rule 26(b)(1), and should include:

a. The extent, nature, and location of discovery anticipated by the parties and why it is proportional to the needs of the case;

b. Suggested changes, if any, to the discovery limitations imposed by the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure;

c. The number of hours permitted for each deposition. The parties should consider whether a total number of deposition hours should be set in the case, such as 20 total hours for Plaintiffs and 20 total hours for Defendants. Such overall time limits have the advantage of providing an incentive for each side to be as efficient as possible in each deposition, while also allowing parties to allocate time among witnesses depending on the importance and complexity of subjects to be covered with the witnesses.

14. A statement of when the parties exchanged or will exchange Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(a) initial disclosures;

15. Proposed specific dates for each of the following (deadlines should fall on a Friday unless impracticable):

a. A deadline for the completion of fact discovery;²

b. Dates for full and complete expert disclosures under Federal Rule of

² The discovery deadline is the date by which all discovery must be completed. Discovery requests must be served and depositions noticed sufficiently in advance of this date to ensure reasonable completion by this deadline, including time to resolve discovery disputes.

Civil Procedure 26(a)(2)(A)-(C);

c. A deadline for completion of all expert depositions;

d. A date by which the parties shall have engaged in good faith settlement talks;

e. A deadline for filing dispositive motions.

16. Whether a jury trial has been requested and whether the request for a jury trial is contested (if the request is contested, briefly set forth the reasons);

17. The prospects for settlement, including any request of the Court for assistance in settlement efforts; and

18. Any other matters that will aid the Court and parties in resolving this case in a just, speedy, and inexpensive manner as required by Rule 1.

The parties shall jointly file the Case Management Report with the Clerk not less than seven days before the Case Management Conference. It is the responsibility of Plaintiff(s) to initiate the Rule 26(f) meeting and preparation of the joint Case Management Report. Defendant(s) shall promptly and cooperatively participate in the Rule 26(f) meeting and assist in preparation of the Case Management Report.

C. Case Management Order.

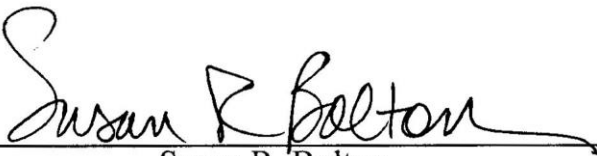
The Court directs counsel and any unrepresented parties to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 16 for the objectives of the Case Management Conference. Counsel who will be responsible for trial of the lawsuit for each party, and any party that is not represented by counsel, shall appear and participate in the Case Management Conference and shall have authority to enter into stipulations regarding all matters that may be discussed. A continuance of the Case Management Conference will be granted only for good cause.

As a result of the Case Management Conference, the Court will enter a Case Management Order. The form of the Court's standard Case Management Order can be found on the Court's website at www.azd.uscourts.gov under Judges and Courtrooms and Orders, Forms and Procedures. The Court fully intends to enforce the deadlines in the Case Management Order. The parties should plan their litigation activities accordingly.

1 D. Other Matters.

2 The parties are expected to comply fully with the Federal and Local Rules of Civil
3 Procedure and to minimize the expense of discovery. The parties should ensure that all
4 filings comply with Local Rules of Civil Procedure 7.1 and 7.2. In addition, in all filings,
5 citations in support of any assertion in the text shall be included in the text, not in
6 footnotes.

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8 Dated this 21st day of March, 2023.

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13 Susan R. Bolton
14 United States District Judge
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